

thrown the ashes knew nothing of what had happened.

2. Salman was the Governor of Madain in the time of (Hazrat) Omar. He used to dress in such a simple fashion that nobody who was not already acquainted with him would take him to be a provincial governor.

Once he was going through the bazar, when some one, who had purchased a bundle of grass, caught hold of him, and placing the bundle on his head, told him to carry it to his house. As they were going, some one told the man that he was using the governor and a companion of the Prophet as a beast of burden. The man was non-plussed, and humbly begged pardon of Salman, and tried to take down the bundle. But Salman said "No, It does not matter in the least. I will convey it to your house, and I assure you I have no grudge against you".

## STORY 24.

### THE FORGIVENESS OF PERSONAL INJURIES.

REVENGEFULNESS is a feature of a barbarous society. As society advances in civilization and morality, forgiveness of personal injuries is more and more in evidence. In a society in which morality is developed to the fullest extent, forgiveness comes to be looked upon as the highest of virtues. In Muslim society forgiveness except for offences against the law has held the foremost place in peoples' dealings with each other. The Prophet's forgiveness of his deadly enemies when they were completely at his mercy stands out unique in history. His sublime example has been followed by Muslims in all ages.

When Urwa son of Masood, after his conversion at the hands of the Prophet, returned to his native place Taif, all the people round about turned his enemies, and made up their mind to kill him. They were looking for an opportunity to carry out their evil purpose, when (Hazrat) Urwa himself furnished it to them. One day in the morning he was calling the people to Prayer (Azan) when a member of the clan of Banu Malik shot an arrow at him, inflicting upon him a wound which ultimately brought about his death.

He was still alive, when his relatives were informed of this tragedy. They at once took up their arms, and in accordance with the usage of the